

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) An environmentally friendly package comprising:

first and second sheets of a compostable sheet material each comprising a compostable substrate layer, an intermediate or first sealing layer having a relatively high sealing initiation temperature having a first compostable and a sealable second or surface sealing layer having a relatively low sealing initiation temperature on an inner first side of the substrate layer, and a second compostable and sealable layer overlying said first sealable layer on the inner side of the substrate layer;

wherein said two sheets of sheet material are bonded together in face-to-face relationship around a periphery of the sheet material with the substrate layers being outermost, the high sealing initiation temperature of the first sealing layer and the low sealing initiation temperature of the second sealing layer provides for a package having different sealing properties between the first and second sealing layers in different regions spaced around said periphery such that a sealing strength around the periphery can be controlled depending on whether sealing takes place through the second sealing layer only or whether sealing takes place through both sealing layers in the different regions of the periphery comprises first and second regions of sealing between sheets of the compostable material in which the material of the second sealable layer has a lower heat sealing initiation temperature than the material of the first sealable layer, and

~~wherein said first region has a relatively high sealing strength,
and said second region has a relatively low sealing strength.~~

8. (Cancelled)
9. (Previously presented) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 7, wherein the package is a beverage making capsule that contains a beverage making ingredient.
10. (Previously presented) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 9, wherein the capsule further comprises a compostable filter sheet inside the capsule and bonded to an internal surface of the capsule.
11. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of an environmentally friendly package comprising the steps of:

providing a compostable sheet material comprising a compostable substrate layer, ~~an intermediate or having a first compostable and sealable layer having a relatively high sealing initiation temperature on an inner first side of the substrate layer, and a second or surface sealing compostable and sealable layer having a relatively low sealing initiation temperature overlying said first sealable layer on the inner side of the substrate layer, wherein the material of the second sealable layer has a lower heat sealing initiation temperature than the material of the first sealable layer;~~

placing two webs of the compostable sheet material together with the ~~surface inner sealable~~ layers in face-to-face relation; and

sealing the webs together around a ~~periphery margin~~ to form a package body, wherein the high sealing initiation temperature

of the first sealing layer and the low sealing initiation
temperature of the second sealing layer provides for the
package to have different sealing properties between the first
and second sealing layers in different regions spaced around
said periphery, such that a sealing strength can be controlled
around the periphery depending on whether sealing takes place
through the second sealing layer only or whether sealing takes
place through both sealing layers in the different regions of the
peripherythe step of sealing is carried out under a first set of
conditions in a first region of said margin and under a second
set of conditions different from said first set of conditions in a
second region of said margin;

whereby the peel strength of the resulting seal is different
depending on whether the sealing takes place through the
second sealing layer only or through both sealing layersin said
first and second regions, in which the sealing with the second
layer only has with said first region having a relatively lowhigh
peel strength, and the sealing through both sealing layers has
said second region having a relatively highlow peel strength.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Canceled)